

REMARKS

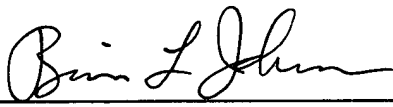
Claims 1-25 and 27 are currently pending. Claim 16 has been cancelled and claim 17 has been amended. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-15, 23-25 and 27 are allowable, and that claims 17-22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 16 was rejected.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now believed to be allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees of \$60.00, to Deposit Account No. 04-0258. If additional fees are believed necessary, the Commissioner is further authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0258.

If questions remain regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 628-7670.

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